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TAGS: SOPN, PINT, LE
SUBJECT: LEBANESE CENSORSHIP OF FOREIGN PRESS

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1. THE ARAB WORLD WEEKLY DATED JAN 8, 1977, CARRIED A TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC OF THE CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS APPLYING TO THE FOREIGN PRESS, ISSUED APPROXIMATELY JAN 6, AS FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING BUREAU CHIEFS, CORRESPONDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, NEWS AGENCIES, RADIO STATIONS, TELEVISION -- ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL -- OPERATING IN LEBANON.
ON THE STRENGTH OF: LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO 1 DATED JAN 1, 1977; SERVICE MEMORANDUM NO 3 DATED JAN 3,

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1977.
FIRST: (CATEGORIES OF NON-LEBANESE MASS MEDIA
OPERATING IN LEBANON).
SECOND: SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP WILL BE: A) EVERY
LEBANESE, ARAB OR NON-ARAB CORRESPONDENT AFFILIATED TO
ANY OF THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED UNDER ARTICLE 1 AND RESIDING IN
LEBANON, REGARDLESS OF ITS SIZE AND THE NATIONALITIES
OF ITS STAFF.
THIRD: SUBJECT TO PRIOR CENSORSHIP WILL BE ALL
INFORMATION MATERIAL EXPORTED FROM LEBANON ON BEHALF OF
THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED UNDER ARTICLE 1 BY ANY OF THE
SOURCES MENTIONED UNDER A AND B.
FOURTH: SUBJECT TO PRIOR CENSORSHIP WILL BE ALL
INFORMATION MATERIAL IMPORTED INTO LEBANON THROUGH ANY
OF THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED UNDER ARTICLE 1.
FIFTH: COVERED BY ARTICLE 3 WILL BE INFORMATION
MATERIAL EXPORTED BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING MAIL, DIRECT
TRANSMISSION, TELEX, TELEPHONE, ETC., AND IN ALL ITS
FORMS -- I.E. WRITTEN, RECORDED, PHOTOGRAPHED OR
FILMED, ETC.
SIXTH: THE RULES IN ARTICLE 5 ALSO APPLY TO
ARTICLE 4.
SEVENTH: ARAB AND FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES EXPORTING
INFORMATION TO LEBANON BY TELEPRINTER WILL UNDERTAKE,
AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, AND THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE
IN LEBANON, TO INSTALL A RECEIVER AT THE PUBLIC SECURITY
HEADQUARTERS IN NO MORE THAN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE
THIS MEMO IS RELEASED.
EIGHTH: FIVE COPIES OF EVERY PUBLICATION OR
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BULLETIN WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO DIRECTORATE OF
PUBLIC SECURITY SO THAT IT MAY BE CENSORED AND LICENSED.
NINTH: INFORMATION BARRED FROM PUBLICATION IS
CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
A. MATERIAL THAT COULD CAUSE DISSENSION,
SEDITION OR PANIC.
B. MATERIAL THAT COULD STIR UP SECTARIAN
STRIFE OR UNDERMINE NATIONAL UNITY.
C. MATERIAL THAT COULD INSTIGATE ACTIONS WHICH
THREATEN PUBLIC SECURITY AND SAFETY.
D. MATERIAL THAT COULD PROVOKE A RESUMPTION
OF FIGHTING.
E. MATERIAL THAT MIGHT BE DEMORALIZING FOR
THE ARMED FORCES.
F. MATERIAL THAT IS DEROGATORY TO THE HEAD OF STATE OR
TO THE KINGS AND PRESIDENTS.
G. MATERIAL THAT UNDERMINES THE STATE'S
IMAGE AND AUHORITY.
H. MATERIAL THAT MIGHT UNDERMINE LEBANON'S

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FOREIGN RELATIONS.
I. MATERIAL THAT EXPLOITS A SPECIFIC
INCIDENT IN ORDER TO GIVE IT A SENSATIONAL OR SECTARIAN
CHARACTER.
J. EXAGGERATED, FABRICATED MATERIAL WITH
SUSPICIOUS AIM AND BACKGROUND.
K. ALL MATERIAL RELATED TO THE ARMED FORCES
(NAMES, NEWS, MOVEMENTS, POSITIONS, ETC.) UNLESS
RELEASED BY THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES.
L. ALL MATERIAL DIFFERENT IN FORM AND
CONTENT FROM THE STATEMENTS RELEASED BY THE OFFICIAL
AUTHORITIES REGARDING A CERTAIN SITUATION OR EVENT.
M. ALL MATERIAL THAT IS HARMFUL TO PUBLIC
MORALS.

TENTH: THERE MUST BE TWO COPIES OF ANY PIECE
OF MATERIAL TO BE EXPORTED FROM LEBANON, ONE OF WHICH
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WILL BE STAMPED AND RETURNED AND THE OTHER WHICH WILL BE
KEPT FOR COMPARISON AND ARCHIVES. THIS APPLIES TO
ALL WRITTEN, PRINTED, FILMED, PHOTOGRAPHED, AUDIO OR
VISUAL INFORMATION, AND IN THE LATTER CASE, THERE MUST
BE TWO DEVELOPED COPIES.

ELEVENTH: CENTRAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE IS LOCATED AT
THE PUBLIC SECURITY HEADQUARTERS.

TWELFTH: THESE MEASURES ARE RETROACTIVE AND
APPLY AS FROM NOW ACCORDING TO THE LAWS MENTIONED
EARLIER AND ALL THOSE IN EFFECT. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ITEM 10 AMOBE, THE REQUIREMENT THAT TWO
COPIES OF ALL MATERIALS BE DEPOSITED WITH THE CENSOR,
HAS ALREADY BEEN RELAXED WITH REGARD TO TELEVISION
FILMS. ONLY THE SCRIPTS NEED BE SUBMITTED TO THE
CENSORS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE FURTHER
RELAXATIONS AS THE DUST SETTLES. END COMMENT.
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